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**Subject:**

Email from Matt Richardson

**From:** Matt Richardson [<mailto:mattrich06@gmail.com>]

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**To:** commentletters

**Subject:** support Farmers & non-Farmers but with 50% flows at least in the BDWater Quality Control Plan

Dear Chair Felicia Marcus and California State Water board,

I'm writing to you as a California native with grandparents who were farmers in the State and who also taught me to fish.

I value the great Central Valley bc of its agricultural strength and because it's part of my roots! My grandpa's company, the DiGiorgio Fruit Corporation had fruit packing stations as far north as Marysville, and he brought water as far south to the Borego desert (for good or for bad).

In addition, historically, you may know that there used to be some lakes in the lower central valley, Tulare & Kern lakes, until we diverted too much water and dried them up. The deltas and marsh lands are also part of the Central valley history:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kern\\_Lake\\_\(Kern\\_County\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kern_Lake_(Kern_County))

Healthy rivers that support reproducing populations of fish need healthy water flow. There is great value in citizens being able to recreate on the river and go fishing. That's part of the reason why we live in California! There is also economic benefit to local economies for fishing. I recently fished outside on Marysville, and I stopped in town 3 times and spend my money there.

I'm a member of **California Trout and Trout Unlimited**. Both are great organizations that spend most of their \$ and volunteer time mitigating problems such as low flows, physical barriers, and poor habitat.

<http://caltrout.org/>

**Members of both groups are watching the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan... closely.**

I would like to strongly encourage you to **support BOTH farmers and non-farmers - just like me.**

I love my fresh produce from the valley.

I love to fish.

California needs and IS both - however for a healthy river we need healthy flows.

**Please support at least 50% of unimpaired flows. A balance is what we need for the solution.**

Best Regards and thank you for your consideration,

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